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1. South Vietnam

Ky claims he will be the real executive authority and that Thieu has agreed to function as only a figure-head if the two men are elected in September. Barring some unforeseen development, they look like a shoo-in.

No matter what Thieu may have agreed to, Thieu when elected will have the constitutional authority and will be unlikely to give it up.

On the senatorial election front, there are now 640 candidates for 60 seats. Under Vietnam's jerry-built election law, each voter will vote for six slates of 10 candidates each. By any way of figuring it, however, there are far too many candidates.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Soviet Union

Gromyko and company are scheduled to leave New York for home on Friday.

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4. Middle East

No further exchanges of fire between Egyptians and Israelis have been reported overnight. The Israelis have announced that 14 of their men were wounded during the three days of clashes.

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The word from the UN is that the consultations late last night between the nonaligned and Latin American groups to try to get some sort of compromise resolution did not succeed.

5. Yemen

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6. Yugoslavia

Tito's decision to side with Moscow on the Arab-Israeli war has not been welcomed by all members of the Yugoslav hierarchy. A number of top Yugoslavs apparently feel Tito was much too hasty in rushing to embrace the Arabs. Yugoslav officials in the US fear an economic boycott by Jewish-owned firms doing business with Belgrade.

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